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TO : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Establishment of United States Communications Security Board (USCSB)

REFERENCES: A. Memo from AD/CI to AD/CO, Subject: Establishment of USCSB, dated 28 January 1953, with attachments.

B. Memo for Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense from President; Subject: COMSEC matters, undated.

1. The undersigned concurs in the proposed memoranda for the Executive Secretary, National Security Council, and for the Assistant Director for Communications from the Director of Central Intelligence, as attached to reference A.

2. As requested in your memorandum (paragraph 3 of reference A), the following is proposed as the CIA position concerning the USCSB:

a. To comply with the purpose of the President's directive (opening paragraph of reference B), it is believed that this Agency, together with all other members of the National security community, should have appropriate USCSB representation. This is believed necessary because of this Agency's experience in certain unique aspects of the communications security field which, when added to that of other security activities, assures a well-rounded balanced National communications security policy.

b. Again in keeping with the spirit of the President's directive, it is proposed that this Agency support the establishment of the USCSB as the highest policy-making and coordinating body on communications security matters in the United States, with full power to require compliance with established minimum standards where U.S. classified telecommunications are concerned.

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